



## **Racing Committee: Notes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

**Attendees:** Barry Wyatt                      Catherine Joce                      Ian Rawet  
                    Jonathan Rickels                      Neil Klabe                      Neil Washington

**Apologies:** Dave Philpott                      David McNamee                      Ian Paterson  
                    Joe Constable                      Mark Rushton

- 1) **Turnout:** Dave Philpott kindly produced the latest statistics. Although volatile due to the differing weather conditions, attendance is looking to be trending in the right direction - upwards
- 2) **Determine Racing format for August, September and October.**  
Disappointment with the recent 'what to do with Sunday afternoon racing' questionnaire was expressed. It is expected that the next one will be much better both in application and content. It is agreed that the format will continue to give some stability to the offering:
  - a) **Sunday two am and two pm races**
  - b) **First race warning signal am 10h55 and pm 13h55**
- 3) In order to encourage **the Slow Handicap fleet**, the **starting** order for the differing classes and fleets would change. The objective is to provide a longer race for the slow handicap fleet racers. **This format needs to be supported by the slow handicap fleet. A failure to support may mean the option may not be available in the future.** Those that race regularly in all Classes and Fleets are to be reminded of some etiquette on the water in particular politeness and to remember that the sailors involved may be new to the activity and require decent guidance rather than abuse.
  - a) **the first start (numeral 3) to be slow handicap with subsequent starts moved back**
  - b) **the guidance on the provision and siting of the asymmetric windward mark will be emphasised.**
  - c) **the clear the finish line rule in the sailing instructions will be enforced.** Will RIB crews be available to assist?
- 4) The starting format for the Winter series is intended to revert to three races sailed back to back with no formal racing in the afternoon. It is proposed that breakfast in the Café be promoted to ensure the use of the catering and to provide some social activity.
- 5) The special Sunday afternoon specials have suffered from low attendance because of poor weather conditions (no wind!). Recommend continuation.
- 6) Race Committee:
  - a) electronic aids, ongoing
  - b) Use the video recorder ongoing
  - c) Visual indicators for club racing marks. **Florescent bands are available but un-used. The use of them will be promoted.**
- 7) Dates of next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Ian Rawet,  
Chair